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Sunday, March 3, 2024

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



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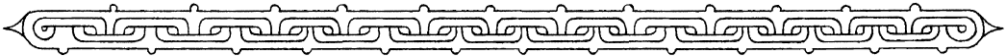
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Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 6): When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Kontakion for the Prodigal Son (Tone 3): Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.



THE EPISTLE

For Sunday of the Prodigal Son

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them

members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, “The two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:11-32)

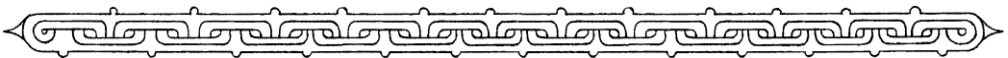
The Lord spoke this parable: There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living.

And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. He would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father.

While he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this meant, and he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



"HUMILITY MIGHT APPEAR TO BE A DOWNWARD DESCENT, YET FOR BELIEVERS IT IS AN ASCENT TO THE HIGHEST AND A CLOSENESS TO THE LORD AND TO CREATION IN GENERAL. HUMILITY IS DEEMED TO BE THE THIRD TO THE LAST STEP FOR THOSE WHO SEEK PERFECTION. IN ORTHODOX SPIRITUALITY, HUMILITY COMES RIGHT BEFORE DISPASSION AND LOVE, WHICH ARE THE SUMMIT OF THE LADDER OF VIRTUES.

"THE HUMBLE PERSON ANGUISHES AT PRIDEFULNESS AND PITIES THE ARROGANT, BECAUSE HE REALIZES THAT PRIDE TEARS APART HUMAN NATURE WHILE HUMILITY UNITES IT. THE HAUGHTY PERSON SEEKS SELF-SATISFACTION THROUGH ARROGANCE AND CRUELTY TOWARDS OTHERS. HE THINKS THAT HIS EXISTENCE DEPENDS ON HUMILIATING OTHERS, WHILE THE HUMBLE PERSON UNDERSTANDS THAT LOVING OTHERS IS THE BASIS OF HIS AND THEIR EXISTENCE."

~METROPOLITAN SABA

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (L-P) and church school.

Tuesday, March 5: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, March 6:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, March 7: Morning prayers, 9am

No morning prayers at the church this Friday

Saturday, March 9:

- Wedding of Hanna Saba and Shay McMullan, 2pm at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral (5701 N. Redwood Dr.)
- **No Vespers at All Saints this Saturday**

Next Sunday, March 10: Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-fare)

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (R-Z) and church school. *This is traditionally the final day to eat meat until Pascha.*

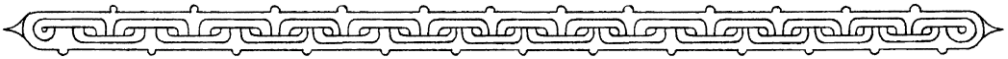
Other upcoming events & services:

Sunday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day and Cheese-fare/Forgiveness Sunday. This is the last day for dairy and eggs before Pascha.

March 17-23: First week of Great Lent (services every evening at 7pm)

Saturday, March 23: Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 6pm at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. *Guest preacher will be Bishop John Abdalah. Note this service is normally on a Sunday evening, but it was moved to Saturday this year so as not to conflict with the feast of the Annunciation.*

Monday, March 25: Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Annunciation, 10am. *His Grace Bishop John plans to be with us at All Saints for the feast!*



PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024: As you are likely aware, All Saints Church will be co-hosting our diocese Parish Life Conference this summer, along with Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville. Mark your calendars: the dates are **Wednesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 29**. We will be in need of volunteers, particularly folks to help staff the registration table Wednesday through Friday, and volunteers for the kids' club events – curriculum planning and teaching.

At this time, Melissa is looking for volunteers for kids' club curriculum planning. Please see Melissa W. if you would like to volunteer!

SPEAK OUT ILLINOIS: Please consider attending the SpeakOut Illinois' annual conference on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30am to 2pm at Drury Lane Theater. SpeakOut Illinois is a pro-life event organized by a coalition of pro-life organizations in Illinois.

Keynote Speaker will be Mark Houck. In 2022, he made international news as a pro-life sidewalk counselor when the FBI invaded his home over his peaceful pro-life outreach, and for defending his 12 year-old son from an aggressive abortion clinic escort. After facing 11 years in federal prison and \$350,000 in fines for his sidewalk counseling, Mark was acquitted on all charges. Come hear Mark's inspiring testimony!

For tickets visit www.eventbrite.com/e/speakout-illinois-tickets-775812705687

JOIN OUR ALL SAINTS PSALTER READING GROUP during Great Lent! We begin on March 18 and read each day through April 26. For more details please contact JoAnne via text 773-220-3179 or email jotheo@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATION OF BOOKS: Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester will host their annual Celebration of Books on Sunday, April 7. Vespers begins at 6:30pm followed by a presentation from Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, producer of Trisagion Films.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<u>Sat. March 2</u> <i>Soul Saturday</i>	Sdn. Joseph	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck
Sun March 3 <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Jim K	Debbie K	John O	Domitille	L-P
Sun. March 10 <i>Meatfare</i>	Paul K	Pat K	James B	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun March 17 <i>Forgiveness</i>	Joseph L	Domitille	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
<u>Wed. March 20</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Nancy L	n/a	Sign-up
Sun, March 24	Doug J	Sarah S	John O	Alina S	G-K
<u>Mon. March 25</u> <i>Annunciation</i>	Richard C	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck
<u>Wed., March 27</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Domitille	n/a	Sign-up
Sun, March 31	Michelle C	Sandy A	James B	Domitille	L-P

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

***Shaded dates** indicate fasting – no meat, dairy, or eggs should be served on these days.*

*If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves. **Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH 3-9, 2024

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During the four weeks leading up to Great Lent, the lectionary readings take us through the Epistles of Sts. Peter, John, and Jude, while the Gospel readings give us a foreshadowing of Holy Week with the Passion narratives from St. Mark and St. Luke.

Sunday, March 3: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Luke 24:36-53 / 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / Luke 15:11-32

Monday, March 4: Gerasimus the Righteous of Jordan

Jeremiah 22 / 1 John 2:18-3:10 / Mark 14:1-11

Tuesday, March 5: Mark the Ascetic

Jeremiah 23 / 1 John 3:10-24 / Mark 14:12-42

Wednesday, March 6: 42 Martyrs of Amorion in Phrygia

Jeremiah 24 / 1 John 4:1-19 / Mark 14:43-15:1

Thursday, March 7: Martyred Bishops of Cherson: Basileus, Ephraim, Eugene, Capito, Aetherius, Agathodorus, and Elpidius

Jeremiah 25 / 1 John 4:20-5:21 / Mark 15:1-15

Friday, March 8: Theophylact the Confessor, Bishop of Nicomedia

Jeremiah 26 / 2 John / Mark 15:16-47

Saturday, March 9: Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

1 Corinthians 10:23-28 / Luke 21:5-38

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